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SUBJ: NEPAL MAP AND IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW
STATUTORY CONDITION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR MILITARY
ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING

REF: A) STATE 196640 B) STATE 195671 C) KATHMANDU 3432

1. REFTEL A) REQUESTS EMBASSY TO EFFECT AN EXCHANGE
OF NOTES WITH GON COVERING AGREEMENT ON MILITARY
EQUIPMENT AND DEFENSE RELATED TRAINING TO COMPLY WITH
RECENT ENACTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE
AND ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT OF 1976. WHILE ACT
EXCLUDED ACADEMIC TRAINING WHICH IS THE ONLY MILITARY
ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO NEPAL, (\$35,000 ANNUAL GRANT)
REFTEL A) PARA 2D NEVERTHELESS STATES THAT TO "AVOID
DIFFICULTIES" EMBASSIES SHOULD OBTAIN AGREEMENT FROM
HOST GOVERNMENT OF NEW REQUIREMENT.

2. EMBASSY IS PREPARED TO ACCOMPLISH EXCHANGE OF
NOTES TO REFLECT SUCH AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF
RECENT PROBINGS BY GON FOR GRANT ASSISTANCE TO PURCHASE
MILITARY EQUIPMENT AS PREPARED REFTEL B) EMBASSY
FEELS THAT INITIATION OF EXCHANGE OF NOTES MIGHT RAISE
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EXPECTATIONS OF GON AND OFFER ANOTHER AVENUE TO

PURSUE ITS REQUEST FOR MILITARY EQUIPMENT. ALSO,
LANGAUGE IS SUGGESTED NOTE REFTEL A) PARA 8B
APPEARS UNSUITABLE FOR ACADEMIC TRAINING COURSES.

(SEE NUMBERED PARAS NOTE 2,3 AND 4.)

3. AS IT APPEARS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT USG WILL BE
PROVIDING MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO GON IN NEAR FUTURE
AND PERHAPS OVER LONG TERM, EMBASSY WISHES DEFER EXCHANGE
OF NOTES AT THIS TIME. DATT CONCURS. PLEASE ADVISE.
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